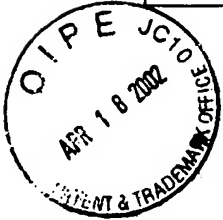


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Applicant: Carl R. Stanford, et al. )  
Serial No.: 10/051,454 )  
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For: FLEXURE RESISTANT BASE PLATE FOR A )  
BASKETBALL GOAL ASSEMBLY )

PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)

Assistant Commissioner  
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

The attached patent declaration of inventorship has been signed by all joint inventors except Charles Monsen. Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.47(a), please accept this application by each of the signing joint inventors on behalf of the non-signing inventor, Charles Monsen.

After diligent effort, Charles Monsen cannot be found or reached. The enclosed Declarations of Jolene B. Goff and Barbara Keyt set forth proof of pertinent facts of their diligent efforts to reach Charles Monsen. Despite their efforts, Charles Monsen is unavailable and cannot be found.

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The fee set forth in § 1.17(h) is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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